

Geocaching in the Cranbury Township Walking Trails

“Cache In Trash Out”

What is Geocaching?

Geocaching is a worldwide outdoor recreational activity where participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver to hide or find containers called "caches". It's a game that hikers have enjoyed since 2000. The contents of caches vary, but they typically contain a logbook, instructions for the finder, and little toys or trinkets for trading. The fun, though, is in the finding.

What is “Cache In Trash Out”?

“Cache In Trash Out” is an environmental initiative supported by the worldwide geocaching community which encourages hikers to clean up the trails while they geocache. Although a **Cache In Trash Out Weekend** occurs every spring, it can also happen on any geocache trip. Simply bring a trash bag with you on your search and pick up any litter you see along the trail. When you find the cache, record your clean-up effort in the cache's logbook. Do your part to keep Cranbury's walking trails clean!

What You Will Need:

- A GPS device: If you own a smart phone you're all set. Simply use the Google Maps application.
- GPS Coordinates: The Environmental Commission has hidden geocaches along the walking trails in the following areas::

Trail	Coordinates
Reinhardt Forest Preserve	40 19.424 N 74 32.502 W
Pin Oaks Loop Trail	40 17.765 N 74 31.600 W
Unami Nature Preserve	40 18.521 N 74 31.610 W
Heritage Park	40 18.352 N 74 30.957 W
Cranbury Brook Preserve	40 18.625 N 74 31.554 W

- Simply paste one of these coordinates into the search field of your GPS app and use it to guide you to the cache.
- A large bag: Something to hold the trash that you will collect during your hike.
- Good walking shoes: For the most part, you'll be on flat walking trails, but wearing good hiking shoes is highly recommended.

- Water: It might take a bit of time to find the cache. As the Boy Scouts say, “*Be Prepared!*”
- Protection: A hat, long pants, and some bug spray would be wise to provide protection from the sun, mosquitos, ticks, poison ivy, etc.

When You Find The Cache:

- Observe how it was hidden. When you're through examining the cache's contents, put it back **exactly** the way you found it.
- Sign and date the enclosed logbook. If you wish, add comments (opinion of the trail, difficulty in finding the cache, amount of trash collected, etc).
- You may take something from the cache and leave something, if you wish, but never leave food as it will attract animals. Also, do not put anything illegal, dangerous or possibly offensive in the cache.
- Be sure the cache is closed tightly before you leave to protect its contents from water damage.

For More Information:

A Geocaching Primer can be found here:

<https://www.geocaching.com/guide/default.aspx>

Information on the worldwide “Cache In Trash Out” initiative can be found here:

<http://www.geocaching.com/CITO/>

A copy of this flyer (containing an up-to-date list of Cranbury Walking Trail geocache coordinates) can be found here:

www.cranburytownship.org/envIRON_comm_main.html

Information about Cranbury's parks and open spaces can be found on the Parks Commission's website:

www.cranburytownship.org/Parks/Parks_summary.html

